

## SMOKE FUND ARMY HAS NEW BIG GUNS

Mammoth Weapon to Blast Way to Victory Proposed by Waldorf-Astoria.

ITS DETAILS NOT READY

But Calibre of This Aid to Soldiers Will Be of Highest Type.

Next Monday night will be a big one for THE SUN Tobacco Fund.

Everybody interested in soldiers' smokes will wish to go to the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre and see the performance of "What's Your Husband Doing?" which will be given for the benefit of the fund.

The same night will hold a divided allegiance among the devotees of the fund, for then occurs the grand Christmas concert organized in its behalf at the Waldorf-Astoria.

These devotees will be like the man who by mistake gave two dinner parties on the same night, the one at Delmonico's and the other at Elbergy's. He was game and called neither off nor off, but his absence from each was so frequent and prolonged as to excite remark. Quite a number of his guests at both tables thought it a shame that their host should be hitting it up so hard. Let it be hoped that the friends who try to be at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre and the Waldorf-Astoria at the same time may escape such unjust criticism.

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Credit for Actors.

The idea of a benefit for the fund at the theatre did not originate with the management but with the actors. Hale Hamilton talked the idea over first with his fellow players in "What's Your Husband Doing?" and there was a dissenting voice. On the contrary all down to the curtain call (she made her debut and a hit in this very funny play) were enthusiastic over the chance to go their best acting for the fund.

The next step was to take the matter up with Walter Jordan, and he, aided and abetted by Lee Shubert and George Hobart, the author, determined to make a big drive for smokes.

There is to be nothing left undone to tell the people that next Monday will be like another opening night and the patrons had better think what this means and go early for their seats.

Hale Hamilton, then, fathered the idea. But Charlotte, Ives and Jase Cooper joined hands and did a little improvised dance about the stage when they heard that the "powers" were willing, nay, eager, and straightway they began working like Trojan women to make the benefit a great success.

Among the recent accessions to the important list of patronesses of the grand concert arranged by Mr. Chapman, conductor of the Rubinstein club, which also happens next week, are Mrs. Louis Livingston Seaman, Mrs. George Preston Hotelling, Mrs. Frederic Peterson, Miss Viola McGibbon, Mrs. Florence Richardson, Miss Katherine A. Dreier and the Princess Pierre Troubetzkoy.

Letter From Princess.

In their letters these patronesses express the greatest interest in the fund, and Princess Troubetzkoy, writing from her home in Albemarle county, Virginia, where, as Amelle River, she did most of her writing, says that she regrets that she will not be present and directs how the box seats purchased for the fund should be used "for some one more fortunate than she is in being in town at the time."

An interest unprecedented at this crowded season is being shown in the preparations for this concert. Much of this interest is due to the popularity of the smoke fund, but it is perceptibly heightened by the wonderful array of artists who have volunteered to appear.

May Peterson from the Metropolitan Opera, Clara Clemens, daughter of Mark Twain, wife of the famous pianist Oseip Gabriellovitch, and the Duke of Gans, who has a very large following.

The Rubinstein Choral, notwithstanding their rehearsal for their own concert (the first of the season takes place at the Waldorf to-night), took on the added work of preparing their numbers for the fund concert with more than usual eagerness, and with joy. Their president put the matter before them in a way to leave perfect freedom of choice and they chose to work for the tobacco fund.

It was a personal touch that counted when Mr. Chapman said at rehearsal yesterday: "There are seventy-five stars on the service flag of the Rubinstein club, which means that we are going to sing for seventy-five brothers, husbands and sons and all the others of our American soldiers abroad when we start THE SUN'S concert with our grand old 'America.'"

All hands joined in a clasp of applause that sounded in the ballroom of the Waldorf like thunder. The night of the 17th will witness a performance of extraordinary interest and value.

Another Great Event.

So much has the tobacco fund benefited by the generosity of the Waldorf-Astoria management that too much praise cannot be given for another volunteer proposal of theirs which is to cover the dates of January 2 and 4 and is to be one of the most novel entertainments that New York has had in recent years. It will be given on the roof of the hotel, which is donated, with all service, by Mr. Boldt, and the form of the entertainment will be—but no, it may be as well to hold a full title in abeyance. It can hurt nobody to be tantalized a bit, so pleasant in the secret. For long the details of this remarkable entertainment will be disclosed.

Besides, events nearer, a hand are pressing. There is Miss Grace Field's unique "Fifty-fifty" dance to-morrow night. The vicinity of the Claridge, never a dinner-dancer, will be particularly gay, and those who go in are bound to pronounce this affair among the most delightful that have as yet been devised to help the tobacco fund.

Miss Field will dance one of her charming dances with a band.

Dark Busses with Bunde tops.

Corrective Surgical Shoes.

Socket-Fit Arch Shoes, \$4.50.

Educator Shoes, \$6.50 to \$8.00.

Army Shoes, \$4.00.

A Few Hundred Pairs of Odd Lots.

Black and Russet, \$3 to \$4.

Value \$4 to \$6—not all sizes.

Kennedy 12 Cortlandt.

Big Values Our Success.

A Clean-up of Last Season's Shoes at \$5.50.

Value \$7 to \$8.

All Cardigan Coats and Suits.

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acetic numbers, and it is well known that besides possessing the charm of a born hostess she is one of the most prominent of the fund's pupils.

The three Graces, Miss George, Miss La Rue and Miss Field, are potent, each in her own domain, and they are to be there with their hostess.

There is to be some auctioning, but every article put up is one which has value and immediate usefulness. When the fund is added that a certain Raymond Hitchcock is to try his 'prentice hand at begging money for these useful and ornamental goods some for the joy of the occasion may be had.

If there is on the White Path to-morrow night one weary of life and bowed down with dismal thoughts here is the chance to take the Grace Field route to happiness. Perhaps he will admit this himself when he hears that besides the above mentioned entertainers Vera Maxwell and Earl Carroll are to do their "bit."

Rush for Neckties.

The necktie season has begun in real earnest, although Christmas is still some distance off. The sport started this early in the announcement in this column that Lou Freedman, the haberdasher at 1006 Broadway, was to give a share of his gross receipts to the fund from now to Christmas eve. The shop is conveniently placed. It is almost next door to Rector's, and it has a wealth of articles suitable for Christmas gifts.

On December 12 will be given the Professional Chauffeurs ball and entertainment, the latter furnished by Les Horvick, who wants to do something for the fund. Terrace garden is the place, and the annual ball of this worthy organization promises to be more than usually interesting.

The approach of Christmas is distinctly felt in the Schulte stores and the United Cigar Stores, for there is hardly a purchase made that the coupons resulting from the sale do not find their way into the box marked "For the Soldiers."

At the Hotel Ansonia it was said yesterday that great preparations were already started to make the first military ball of the season, one conducted by soldiers for soldiers, a fine affair. This is the ball arranged by the regimental band of the 104th Infantry. The Colonel of the regiment will make an address, and there will be a good entertainment before the dancing by E. Wolf Gilbert and Anatol Friedland, song writers; David Hochstein, violin virtuoso, and the Camp Upton Quartet. The regimental song, "The Moon is Shining Somewhere in France," will be sung more than once during the evening.

It is the popular song by Private Frederick Rath, which the boys sing as soon as anything in the way of cheer begins to lag. The affair is to be kept extremely high class, but this does not mean there will be no fun. On the contrary, there will be an abundance. The hotel management will donate the rounds, dressing rooms and refreshments for the sake of THE SUN'S Tobacco Fund, which is a favorite cause at Seventy-third Street and Broadway.

A number of "repealers" are in the list of friends to-day. A second contribution amounting to \$52.50 comes from the employees of the Bankers Club of America.

New the Fund Stands.

THE SUN and THE EVENING SUN, \$4,000.00  
United Cigar Store, \$2,000.00  
Ivoryville, \$1,000.00  
New contributions, \$117,128.74

Total, \$124,128.74  
Expenses, \$1,000.00  
Balance, \$123,128.74

Grand total, \$123,128.74

New contributions, \$1,000.00

Resident of Pine Hill, Albany, N.Y., \$1,000.00

Resident of the "Providence" in the Long Island City, \$1,000.00

Black & White, \$1,000.00

A friend, \$1,000.00

Employees of Bankers Club of America, \$1,000.00

Van Maxwell, \$1,000.00

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## PROF. CLARK WARNS OF ENEMIES WITHIN

Cites Experiences of Italy at Hands of the German Propagandists.

HOW ARMY WAS SHAKEN

Fictitious Copies of Italian Newspapers Dropped by Airplanes Among Soldiers.

Too strict an accounting of all enemy agents by the United States cannot be kept, was the trend of a talk on Italy's experiences given at the National Arts Club yesterday by Prof. Charles Upton Clark, who returned from that country on Saturday after more than a year close to the war zone.

Prof. Clark prefaced his remarks by relating some of the facts in connection with the trial of M. Gerlach in which the Italian newspaper *Giornale d'Italia* was charged with having for months given wide circulation to German propaganda through the medium of its "personal" and want advertising columns.

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## SMOKES NECESSARY ON BATTLE FRONTS

As Important as Ambulances.

Declares Lieut. Roeder in War Lecture.

"Smokes are just as important on the battlefronts as ambulances."

With this expression and others of similar character Lieut. George H. Roeder, the first American to receive the French Croix de Guerre, last night appealed to members of the Men's Club in the Broadway Presbyterian Church at 14th Street to help THE SUN'S Smoke Fund for American soldiers.

"You men who smoke know how much you would miss it if you couldn't get your cigarettes, cigars or tobacco," he said. "Just think how those boys at the front who are risking their lives to save yours feel when after facing death they find themselves without the blessed relief of a smoke to ease up their nerves."

"If you want to do something for them, and every man with his country's interest at heart does, make every other day a fast day for smoking. And on those fast days take the money you would otherwise have spent for tobacco and put it into THE SUN'S Smoke Fund."

"I thoroughly believe from my own experience and what I have seen and heard out there that smokes are the one thing that has kept up the wonderful morale of the French army."

"I have seen men virtually shot to pieces, who couldn't speak, and were barely conscious, but if some one whispered in their ear that they could have a smoke if they wanted it they would always manage to find their head."

Lieut. Roeder then called attention to a table at the door on which had been placed a sign telling of THE SUN'S Smoke Fund and directed all to the audience not to forget to place their contribution on the table. This appeal was responded to with a hearty good will, comprising a sum that will bring joy to the heart of many a man in France.

Lieut. Roeder also gave an intensely interesting talk on his experiences in France, and exhibited a wonderful display of war trophies. These included uniforms of German and French soldiers worn at the start of the war, and also uniforms that are being worn now. The uniforms were shown off on several young men and served to illustrate the marked change that has been made from brass buttons and colors to steel helmets and khaki or gray cloth. His exhibit also included an assortment of gas masks, incendiary shells and barbed wire.

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## FOUNDATION TO GIVE \$5,050,000 FOR WAR

Another \$5,000,000 for Relief Work if Needed.

In announcing yesterday its general financial budget for 1918 the report of the trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation shows that possibly more than \$10,000,000 will be spent in public welfare work, half of which will be used for war relief. It was added, however, that while a sum of \$5,050,000 positively will be used in war work, if necessary the foundation can draw on an available fund of \$5,000,000 more.

The budget states that \$1,075,000 will be used for the operation of medical hospitals in France, while instruction and research in American medicine and public health and work in mental hygiene in this country will absorb \$3,000,000.

The appropriation of \$5,050,000 for war relief is divided among contributions to the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Jewish Camp Welfare, Training Camp Commissions, &c. This sum mostly represents appropriations made in 1917, but which are to be paid in 1918.

It was also announced that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., had been re-elected chairman of the board of trustees. Dr. George E. Vincent, formerly president of the University of Minnesota, was re-elected president, and Edwin R. Embree, formerly of Yale, was re-elected secretary.

30 Childs Strikers Arrested.

Striking employees of Childs restaurants, wearing placards stating that the concern was "unfair to organized labor," were on parade in most parts of Manhattan yesterday. As a result sixteen men and four women were arrested, charged with disorderly conduct. The prisoners were all discharged in night court excepting Stanislaus Molanowsky of 723 West 151st street, who was fined \$5.

CITIZENS UNION CENSURED.

Hyman Replies to Threat to Keep Tab on His Administration.

The Citizens Union was placed on its list of "fake reform organizations" yesterday by Mayor-elect Hyman. When his attention was called to the announcement by that organization that it will have a staff of experts directed by Commissioner of Accounts Wallstein kept on the incoming administration he handed out the following statement:

"Leonard M. Wallstein, present Commissioner of Accounts, was a part of the fusion administration which squandered millions of the people's money without protection from Wallstein when he was drawing a salary from the people."

"What has the Citizens Union, which is only a paper organization, been doing for the last four years while the present fusion administration has allowed million dollar land and other deals to be put through at a loss to the taxpayers of millions of dollars?"

"I intend to let the people know from time to time all about these fake reform organizations."

Propaganda by Airplanes.

Prof. Clark gave these illustrations as an evidence of the laxity of Italy in giving a free hand to an outside Government in conducting its political and commercial affairs. Socialism, too, he pointed out, had obtained a commanding influence among certain classes and their pro-German propaganda was spread broadcast through the columns of their newspapers.

Prof. Clark related the story of fictitious newspapers being dropped by airplanes over the Italian lines. These newspapers were prepared to represent two of the leading publications of Italy of widely divergent influences. The imitations were so cleverly done that they were never suspected of being spurious. They told of revolutions in the interior and other matters which cast a disheartening influence over the soldiers. It was even said that many of the men were prepared to return to their homes.

The speaker described a poison gas used by the Germans which was known as an emetic gas. When its influence reached the trenches it created an excessive irritation of the face, forcing the soldiers to remove their masks. Immediately the emetic properties of the gas became effective and the fighters were put out of commission.

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